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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Hastert:

In the coming weeks, the U.S. Congress will consider passage of an important regional trade agreement with our neighbors in the Dominican Republic and Central America.

As the nation's largest exporter of manufactured goods—where seven out of ten Boeing commercial aircraft are historically exported to a foreign customer—Boeing believes it is critical to advance free trade and open new markets throughout the world.

The Boeing Company supports passage of the DR-CAFTA on its merits. We also believe that adoption and implementation of such an agreement within our hemisphere will send a positive signal to our trading partners that the United States is committed to advancing the overarching objectives of the World Trade Organization's Doha Development Agenda.

Boeing is engaged both inside and outside the Beltway, working in concert with the broad-based, multi-sector Business Coalition for U.S.-Central America Trade, to ensure prompt passage of this comprehensive agreement.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Alan'.

cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
The Honorable Bill Frist  
The Honorable Harry Reid